

# Something Special this Season

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The Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday season has always held special meaning for my family. I'm sure our experiences during this exceptional time are similar to yours: travel to and from family dinners, celebrations of togetherness, spiritual fulfillment, and time to remember all the blessings we have received throughout our lives.

This holiday season my family and I have something special to remember and for which to be thankful. In this special season, it seems so appropriate that I have been given one of the greatest gifts I've ever received: the trust and honor of thousands of people who elected me to represent them as County Supervisor.

Campaigns and elections are always difficult, especially when you run against good people. But through that experience I have learned how valuable the public's trust is, and the importance of striving to live up to that trust.

Through my campaign I made many promises. I promised to step up public safety through acquiring new jail facilities, to use GPS technology to track high risk probationers, and to place access to the Megan's Law Database on the County's website. I promised to work on solving some of our regional transportation issues as well as to work with developers to ensure they are paying their fair share to improve our infrastructure. I promised to bring integrity and open government to the county and to endeavor to achieve the highest standards of conduct and customer service. I intend to keep all of these promises, because I believe they are the premise on which I was elected.

This holiday season I have been given the great gift of trust, and I am honored and thankful to have received such an awesome responsibility. I will work hard to prove your trust is well placed, and that I am worthy of what you have given. My New Year's resolution will be easy this year: to remember that I work for you, and to keep my promises.